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Spring Music Blooms



Senior, Charles Santana plays trombone for the Bushwick Band.

by Charlotte Cherry

The Band, Orchestra and Chorus performed for this year's Music Festival, May 22 and 23. A new group, "The Guarantees," entertained the PTSA the evening of the 22nd but did not perform at assembly because of limited time.

Mr. Abel led the Band in "Jamboree," "Ain't We Got Fun" and "Yellow Bird." The Orchestra performed selections from one of the longest running Broadway musicals, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The Band and Orchestra performances were punctuated by the quality entertainment of the Chorus. Accompanied on the



Mrs. Krausman directs her Chorus for the PTSA.

piano by Mrs. Krausman, the Chorus opened with a moving rendition of "Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Selections from *South Pacific* included "Bali Hai," "I'm as Corny as Kansas in August," "Younger Than Springtime," and "There's Nothing Like a Dame," which the male voices carried well. The selection that was hard to understand was a Latin hymn, "Ave Verum Corpus."

The entertainment was concluded with "Matchmaker" and "If I Were A Rich Man" from *Fiddler*, and the audience departed to the familiar tune from the film *Bridge on the River Kwai*.



Miss Carillo and Mrs. Krausman wait for breakfast to be served.



Mrs. Kingston and Mrs. Butera on K.P.

Newman Club's Breakfast a Hit

by Madeleine Butcher

Sunday, May 5, the Newman Club held its Eighth Annual Communion Breakfast at St. Brigid's School.

The morning started with a folk Mass served by Father James Kelley. As Madelyn Lopez, Ann Apello and Shirley Trueman played guitar, the congregation sang.

Everyone was directed to the breakfast tables by Mr. Kingston, Faculty Advisor of the Newman Club. Maria Mojica directed the invocation, and everyone sat to eat.

Mrs. Kingston, Miss Muller and Mrs. Butera prepared the breakfast of orange juice, French toast, bacon, cereal, fruits, and

coffee or tea.

Luz Pimentel, the Toastmistress, greeted the guests with a few jokes and introduced Adele Nicholau, president, who welcomed everyone.

Mr. Anthony Liquori, guest speaker, had something interesting to say about city life and what it has to offer, and Father Kelley talked about the meaning of the Newman Club.

Mr. Clines added a surprise for all. Each person filled in a piece of paper and a prank gift was given to each member of a group, general alumni, faculty, and students.

The breakfast was a success and it all ended with everyone singing Bushwick's school song.

Career Fair: New Experience

by Waldo Sutherland

During the week of May 13-17, Bushwick High School held a Career Fair in the Study Hall. On each day of the week people in different careers, such as, the Armed Forces, clerical, banking, industrial, technical and other fields exhibited displays and discussed their jobs. Friday encompassed careers in the world of entertainment and leisure.

One of Friday's exhibitors was Emma Angeline Butler, an actress and singer. Miss Butler told the story of what she had

to go through before she was recognized as a competent performer; and, she displayed for the students a series of takes in which she posed for commercials for a hair products company. One of the scenes was used on the *Tonight Show*.

At the Fair students were given a newspaper called "Show Business," printed for those people interested or participating in the field of entertainment.

The Career Fair brought to the students much information to be used in vocational selection.

Phys. Ed. Rates Physical Fitness

by Harold Ognelodh

It's this time of the year again when a student is given a taste of track and field in the participation in the Board Education Physical Fitness Examination. The test, which consists of the shuttle run, broad jump, sit-ups, pull-ups, 50 yard dash and 600 yard run, is run under the supervision of Mr. Goldman and his Physical Education Staff.

Administered in each gym class, the physical examination is scored on a percentage and age group basis rather than a point total. On the whole stu-

dents feel that the percentage basis type of scoring is more beneficial to them. As one student commented, "It [the test] had more meaning." For example, in pull-ups you must be able to chin up eight times for 50% and twelve for 80%.

The purpose of the Physical Fitness test is to inform each individual student and the administration of how each ranks in his age group. Physical Fitness certificates will be awarded to those students that have achieved success in either the 50% or 80% groupings.

Performing Arts Class Delights Bryant Park Bushwick Superstars

By Genise Boone

The Bushwick High School Performing Arts Class performed at Bryant Park in Manhattan, Tuesday, April 30, and Thursday, May 2.

Our students served as host and performed pantomimes and improvisations of their own choosing to the delight of the Bryant Park audience. Mr. Tony Calendrillo, who works nearby, did a walk on that he is still talking about. The scenes and sketches were directed by Mrs. McDonough.

William Brown and Melissa Berthel and Daisy Astacio improvised a sensational scene about two teenagers in love—one white, the other black. The white girl takes her black fiance home to meet her parents. Her parents become very hostile, and the girl finally leaves home for love.



Vonitta Graham and Jackie Dudley bring Bushwick to the Park.

A church of God scene was performed by Vonitta Graham, Roxanne Brown, Jackie Dudley, Ada McBride, Denise Berry, Keith Greene and Carolyn Copeland, Roosevelt Womble and Julie Robinson. In an improvisation about a jealous husband Diana Lespiar, Gladys Rodriguez, Ceasar Leon and Charles Santana showed how a man madly in love with his wife killed his brother-in-law on impulse. Another highlight of the performance was the starker pantomime done by Gladys Rodriguez.

In the last scene Denise Boone and David Reed are lovers strolling through the park. While he is impressing her with talk of his black belt in karate, a mugger attempts violence; and, as her boyfriend retreats, the young lady overcomes the assailant.

While other schools were to contribute, only Bushwick, the host school, attended both days and performed for 2½ hours each day. Those students also in the program include Kevin Tucker, Darryl Giles, Ricky Lovett, Derrick Pouncey, Elizabeth Solano, Roxanne Kelly, Millie Pagan, Gisela Mendoza, Melvina Jackson, Claude Burnette, Carlos Olmo, Norberto Taveras, Gladys Quinones, Elsie Neuendorf, Alex Dorisca and Danny Rodriguez.

Luncheon Serves Purpose

by Line Labonne

On May 2 the students of the Home Economics Occupational Educational Class held a succulent luncheon for the teachers in the school. One student quipped, "We wanted them to come upstairs, see what we're really doing, and enjoy themselves. Instead of eating in the teacher's cafeteria, they can eat up here."

The savory affair was organized and run by Miss P. Krause and Mr. D. Rosenbaum, and the food was supplied by the Board of Education. The menu consisted of meat loaf with brown gravy, whipped pota-

toes and a health salad or cold salad plate of tuna, sliced eggs, lettuce, tomatoes and cole slaw. Dessert was either strawberry gelatin or blueberry pie.

Teachers sent compliments to the chefs, and some say they have gained a pound or two.

Mr. Rosenbaum informed us that, "The students enjoyed the preparation and service. It was a meaningful experience seeing the results of their labors." The thank you notes written by the invited faculty and praising the preparation and performance of the luncheon were appreciated by the class.

EDITORIALS

Students Stand Up and Be Counted!

Students contribute their talents and put forth their best efforts for school activities, and administration has failed to recognize them.

Those participating in plays and sports for Bushwick, students working on the *Drummer*, the *Harvest*, and the *Bulletin* contribute much time and effort, taking their work seriously. Certainly, they deserve a little recognition, a pat on the back.

The athletic and literary accomplishments of our students are a credit to Bushwick. What can be more important than watching the students of your school do their best? What great effort is it to take out a few minutes to congratulate these students and show you care? Administration should give credit where credit is due. Why should we hear only complaints? A compliment, a kind word, a little encouragement for our work boosts ego and initiative.

If Bushwick students lack school spirit, perhaps administration should take some blame for not taking the time or consideration to notice. Some positive recognition can work wonders and never goes unappreciated as our efforts all too often do.



Bushwick, is it a human instinct to be cruel? Do you always have to despise what's being done to please you? Can't you accept something and be glad it was given to you?

Students who perform at assemblies have worked very hard. When they get on stage, they should be able to expect at least a little common courtesy. However, they would seem to walk not onto a stage but into a zoo of wild noises. Think about yourself on that stage; would you continue to perform, would you even bother to get out there? How many of you have the guts to get on that stage to have your very own friends "BOO" you off.

This behavior is a sign not only of discourtesy but of immaturity. These students who swear they are the hottest thing on earth are the first to turn down an offer to appear because they haven't guts enough to do so.

You are supposed to be loyal friends, close classmates; but, when the time comes for a little moral support, you turn against your fellow students, against their work, against all their efforts.

Why not give your friends a boost instead of turning them off. Why not start practicing what you preach and prove your friendship with attention and interest? Why not start applauding and praising? The number of people who really want to sit back and applaud with appreciation would probably astonish you.

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Where are all the so-called sports fans of Bushwick High School? Where are the big shots that know everything? Well, you better come out and see what's going on because it is pitiful.

The Bushwick High School sports teams have been getting no kind of support from either students or faculty. Baseball games are usually attended by nobody but the players and the umpires. The same holds true for almost every other sport in which Bushwick participates.

It's true that games and meets are usually far and transportation is difficult and costly, but not many people have been going to games that are at home or near home either. The transportation problem can be solved if Mr. Goldman out of the kindness of his old cheap heart would spend some of the money he has been saving from the candy sales. That rainy day he has been waiting for has arrived many times over.

All in all, it is really your obligation to come out of your shell and show some school spirit and support for Bushwick's sake.

Liberation for Girls' Athletics

"It takes time," has always been a significant phrase used when the topic of girls' sports comes into issue. For years girls have been seeking recognized participation in athletics at Bushwick in more ways than one. They have sought it in swimming, volleyball and basketball. Girls have verbally fought and argued vehemently to gain equal rights in sports. Success did not come easily or quickly to the girls of Bushwick High. It took time. Yes, every topic pertaining to women takes time. Yet, through determination and perseverance of their own, girls now do take an active part in sports.

However, it does not end there. They now must put up with the same verbal attack on the field as well. When this abuse comes from the students that you attend classes with every day, it's hard to swallow. Why can't we attend a girls' sports event, be it baseball, swimming or basketball, and show respect, appreciation or whatever with some decency? Why must we demonstrate our immaturity at these girls' events? Could it be that Bushwick is not ready or prepared yet to accept girls' sports? Maybe that old cliché still does stand, "It takes time."

Child Abuse:

A Social Disease

by Line Labonne

Child abuse is a terrible social evil which leaves an estimated 60,000 young American children seriously injured and 700, most of them less than three years old, dead each year as a result of physical injuries inflicted by their own parents. A major problem in America, child abuse continues. The governing board of the Educational Commission of the States (ECS) has tried to improve the weak rules in cases of child abuse.

Oftentimes, the physically abusive parent goes unreported or undetected. Certainly, the child fears talking, and people do seem reluctant to report actual

cases of child abuse. The Commission seems to have little power to help these kids even after parents have been convicted of such offenses.

Also, there is no means of keeping track of abusive parents who move about the country with their kids, nor are there permanent shelters available for child abuse victims.

Legal reforms are necessary, for society is not dealing competently with either victims or parents in cases of child abuse. Psychological help must definitely be a major factor in eliminating this social problem, for a child's home life will definitely influence his adult life.



Rincon Latino

by Elizabeth Solano
El Deporte al Dia

En estos tiempos el deporte se ha convertido en la ocupación principal tanto para la juventud, los adultos etc., ya que con ellos el cuerpo adquiere fuerza agilidad, facilidadde movimientos. El ejercicio es uno de los factores mas principales que ayudan a mantener un cuerpo esbelto, elegante, tambien atlético, ademas una buena salud.

Si estas interesado en los deportes y deseas participar en ellos, Bushwick High School te ofrece esa oportunidad ya que en ella hay varios equipos en los que puedes formal parte.

Mrs. Kumar es una de las profesoras de Educacion Fisicia, quien esta encargada de dirigir los equipos de Volleyvall y Softball. Ella esta interesada in conseguir buenos deportistas quienes, al formar parte de estos equipos, ayudan así a que Bushwick High School tenga los mejores equipos de la ciudad.

Nosotros, los hispanos, debemos de hacer algo por nuestra escuela y demostrar que tenemos grandes cualidades. Debemos de luchar por ella y contribuya asi con el deporte y la cultura fisica.

Al principio del semestre que viene empesaran de nuevo las estrenaciones para los nuevos deportistas. Quienes quieran y estén interesados en participar en algun deporte como lo son: Basketball, soccer, football, vollyball, tennys, natacion, etc.

Los profesores encargados de dirigir los diferentes equipos son: Mr. Mannix, Tohn, Diamond, Sher, Leone, Rexer y Mrs. Kumar quienes se esfuerzan para que Bushwick High School tenga los mejores equipos de nuestra division.

French Awards

by Julie Castillo

Five Bushwick students of Mrs. Altieri's French class participated in a French competitive exam. The examination was held at the Alliance Francaise (French Institute) on Saturday, May 11.

Alix Moise of the Non-English class (NED) won a bronze medal. Donald Monplausir of class 8-1, Nadia Monestine 6-5, Ketty Lande 6-2 and Jocelyn Lundi of class 8-2 showed excellence in French and received books.

Sorry to Say
Schools Begins
In September

Breast Cancer:

Detection and Treatment Five Minutes Can Save Your Life

by Line Labonne

Breast Cancer is the chief cause of cancer deaths among American women—an estimated 33,000 in 1973.

The disease may develop in any woman at any age, but it is more frequently discovered after the age of 35. If treated early, the disease can be checked. Cancer cells in our body do not grow in regular pattern. The growth begins with a lump called a tumor, which, if cancerous, attacks the normal tissue around it. For this reason it is important to diagnose cancer before it spreads.

Women are advised to see a doctor annually for a breast examination. Also, once a month, after a menstrual period women should palpate their own breasts. Follow these simple steps:

1. Lie down, put one hand behind your head.
2. With the other hand, fingers flattened, gently feel your breasts, pressing lightly.
3. Repeat the same procedure sitting up with your hand still behind your head.
4. Remember that a breast lump does not necessarily mean cancer and a doctor's diagnosis is necessary.

Mastectomy is the removal of the breast, the muscles underneath the breast and the lump nodes in the armpit. This surgery prevents the spread of the cancer to the rest of the body. Sometimes radiation therapy is also required in treatment. The cause of the breast cancer in humans is not known.

Daughters or sisters of patients who have breast cancer have a somewhat greater risk of developing the disease. But, the risk is lower in married women than single women and lowest for married women who have nursed children.

The best protection against breast cancer is an annual checkup with your doctor and self examination once a month.

Senior Day:

Teachers Best Students, Win in Chaotic Calamity



Security guard, Sonny Ruiz, lays one in.

by Eddie Gutierrez

This term's Senior Day included the annual Student-Faculty Basketball game, May 16, and Senior Dance, which was held the preceding day to avoid conflict. Both disco and live music were provided at the dance. The music entertained seniors until 5:00 P.M. that afternoon.

The basketball game, an annual classic here at BHS, had in opposition one team of security guards and teachers against another team of undersized students.

The faculty led all the way, and the students fought hard cutting that lead down to five. However, with a little over a minute remaining the scoring ceased, and there was a barrage of comic errors with the students having as many as eight players on the court!

The teachers, not doing so badly themselves, were led by Mr. King and Mr. Mannix. Mr. Field provided the dramatics, getting into a heated argument with Referee Diamond and ultimately comically chasing him around the gym, beating him with a baton.

"I felt something holding me down, but I didn't know what it was," was the surprised reaction of Harold Brown when he was later told that Mr. Field held him down on a second quarter jump ball. The teachers won by the way, 55-50!

There was a good turn out to see the game, and some money was made for Senior activities. This event was a good chance to get to know the teachers a little better here at Bushwick and vice versa. Overall, both the game and the dance were a good time for the teachers and students alike.



Seniors go western at Pinegrove.

Senior Soiree:

Pinegrove May Never Recover

by Eddie Gutierrez

This year our Bushwick Senior Trip was not the usual one to Malibu Dude Ranch. Because of a fire at Malibu the trip was almost cancelled, but Mr. Buchman came through and found Pinegrove Resort Ranch in the Catskills. For the seniors and teachers it was a novel experience. The students and teachers enjoyed everything from archery to horseback riding.

The buses left Bushwick H.S. at about 9:30 A.M., and at noon they were at Pinegrove. Some people wasted no time. After lunch they were scanning the area for things to do. Some played basketball while others went for a dip in the indoor pool. Meanwhile, others went to ride horses. For some it was their first experience on horseback, and everyone for the most part enjoyed it. Many people rode at the next opportunity they got. That night, the seniors had a party in the resort's night club. Everyone partied to the wee hours of the morning.

The next morning, the students and teachers energetically were at it once again. Ms. Rothenberg had this to say, "It was a very enjoyable trip. It was fun to be with the students for a weekend. I'm sure that most people had a good time also."

"Everyone became a John Wayne and Dale Evans at the

horse rides. We showed up all the other schools on the basketball court too. I personally had a great time," was Mr. Levyne's reaction when asked about the trip.

The only crisis came when Myrna Pabon was hurt riding. But, soon everything was back to normal, and everyone was having fun up to and including departure.



Miriam Colon and Francine Saro wait for their horses to arrive.

Michael McEwen said, "We even had a goof on the bus coming home. It's a trip I'll never forget." The trip was something that will take a long time for the Bushwick '74 seniors to forget as have been so many things during their high school careers here at Bushwick.

One-On-One Champ Named

by Eddie Gutierrez

Who's the best one-on-one player around? Jesse Warren. Who? That's right, Jesse Warren of class 6-4. At Bushwick H.S. Jesse is the present one-on-one champion. He beat Reggie Williams to cop the one-on-one trophy presented to him at the Awards Dinner this year.

The six foot guard (he considers himself so because of his height), who plays at the III Night Center, beat among others Cornell Howard and Vic Garcia. He considered Vic his best opponent in the tournament.

"I played most of my opponents inside because, for the most part, I was the stronger," commented Jesse about his chal-

lengers. Next year Jessee plans to try out for the school team. He did not play this year because he entered Bushwick in early January.

Last year's tournament was the first, and its winner was Anthony Young. When asked about Jesse's ability, Greg Harris said, "He is an excellent ballplayer in that he is more aggressive and moves better to the basket." Harris plays with Jesse Warren at the III Night Center.

Jesse Warren is considered a good ballplayer by many and the One-On-One Tournament is just another phase to prove it. Proof was official when he received his trophy at the Varsity Dinner.

Poetry Corner The Path

by Line Labonne

Down a tunnel of column
standing
Over hanging trees,
I walk out of the fog and mist.
Grey shadow of myself seems
to slowly glide,
Past the gate keeper of my soul,
Into dream's wide arm.
The centuries do seem to slide,
As the rain drenched leaves
upon the forest ridden path.
Doubles of myself seem to
slowly act as in a circle,
Going gently round like the
wheels of my mind,
Or is nature too much of a
burden for my conscious self.

Wet

by Line Labonne

Wild weather in the rainy April
fog
Brings in wet kittens.
The damp and dusty chairs
Invite as some will.
Show moving statues
In shades of grey.
Wet, dry, crinkled leaves of
brown,
Piled beneath a beechnut tree.
Either stones or leaves, they
Both crumble in due time.

God of Death

by Line Labonne

Open your eyes O divine one,
Let in your purple haze,
Let die your "innocent."
Evil has your illness been,
To tempt the minds of men.
I am your lowest insect
of wingless virtue,
Eat forth upon my person
And wash my inner being.
Soft, Soft are your efforts
to expose me to your torments,
For they are the answers
to life.

The Bird

by Line Labonne

The palm tree sways
In the dense lush forest,
And the coo-coo bird does sing,
As I follow my wet, soft sandy
foot prints,
Back down towards the beach.
It is not a fowl of majestic
lineage,
Yet it is proud in its domain,
As a peacock in full feathers.
A silly bird, a foolish person,
Our characters are the same.

M. V. P. . . .

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mings was voted as Freshman of the Year for his 52.9 performance in the Frosh Championship which also tied the meet record. Honorable Mentions went to Gregory McLetchie, Glenn Miller, Noel Jones, Harold Whyte, Pedro Lazala and Dennis Green.

In swimming no M.V.P. was awarded. Mr. Sher felt that it was an overall team effort that won the City Championship. But, a trophy was awarded to Alfie Garroway for making All-City Diving for three consecutive years, the only man to do it in the history of Bushwick High School.

Ricky Pereira was selected for most valuable honors in Gymnastics because of his all around mobility in the exercises in the sport.

Other M.V.P.'s were Ramon Roman for tennis, George Murray in handball and Willard Naides, bowling.

"Wait 'Til Next Year"

by Orlando Rivera

The Bushwick HS baseball team enjoyed one of its best seasons this year as they finished with a 12-3 record and a shot at the playoffs.

This year's team started slowly, losing its first two games to Jefferson HS. Coach Leone then switched the infield around taking Wilfredo Soto off the bench to play short. That's when the Tigers started meshing. The team ripped off twelve straight wins defeating Wingate, Boys, ENY and Brooklyn Tech

John Adams HS at Victory Field. The game, which took place under an ominous sky, was played brilliantly until the fifth inning when Adams mounted a threat. The first two batters walked, then a bunt attempt was popped up and turned into a double play. So, with a man on first, our pitcher, Joe Vasquez, wild pitched him to second.

An errant pick-off attempt sent him to third, and one of their two hits brought him home. But, Bushwick rallied with a single by Junior Ramirez and a



Joe Vasquez drilled one through the hole.

three games each before dropping the final game to Jefferson.

This year's leading hitter, Frank Morlaes, hit an incredible .526, and his chances for All-City look very good. He was followed by his field buddy and co-captain, Frank Arroyo, who hit a solid .411. Joe Caruso followed with a .400 average. Our co-captain and last year's M.V.P., Joe Vasquez, dipped to a .320 average, and shortstop Wilfredo Soto hit an eye-catching .342.

In the playoffs Bushwick lost a heart-breaking 1-0 game to

duoble by Frank Morlaes. With men on second and third, it looked like Bushwick was going to take it. However, Joe Vasquez popped up, Victor Cataquet struck out, and Frank Arroyo hit a long fly ball to right field.

Mr. Leone and the team were satisfied with this year's effort, but next year they expect to go a little further with a little help from fans and faculty alike. Many thanks to all the players and special thanks to Mr. Baal, our number one fan.

The Three Letter Man Shorty Fills a Long Order

by Dennis Green

As much as anything, his nickname sets forth the difference between the adept and the impudent. The one called Shorty has participated in three of the school's most difficult sports and achieved an accomplishment for one who stands only 5' 3 and weighs but 112 pounds; however, with a little determination and discipline Clemente Mercado is one of the school's most gifted athletes. In fact, he is the first to obtain three major letters in two years. The last to accomplish this was Julio Mejias of the Basketball Team.

The most recent of Shorty's letters was in wrestling where he was unparalleled until the City Championship Final. He met Andre Velassis of Newtown, whom Coach Diamond calls, "pound for pound the best wrestler in the city." Shorty held a one point advantage with 25 seconds remaining in the third and final period, but, as a result of Shorty's lack of experience and Velassis' cunning, he tied the score. The two fought for three overtime periods where Velassis finally outlasted him.

In swimming Shorty, of course, was a part of the 1973 Championship Team. His valuable contribution of placing third in the 100 meter butterfly helped the team rally for the final win and the championship.

His third and last letter was earned in gymnastics, which in reality is the most difficult of his three earnings. There's a certain style and finesse one must possess ascending one of those apparatus; and, if a competitor falls off, he must have the heart to get on and finish what he has started. Fortunately, Shorty's thin angular body helped him flow through the exercises with little difficulty.

Unfortunately, Shorty Mercado is a senior and will be graduating in June. He will attend Kingsborough College in September where he will join Anthony Caban, who was an excellent gymnast and wrestler for Bushwick a year ago.

Too bad there aren't more students that have shown the interest and school spirit that Shorty has shown in his years here at Bushwick.

Confidence Defeats Girls' Swimming Team



Coquette Medina and Athena Vitolo beat all other teams' drivers.

by Howard Moore

The Girls' Swimming Team's record of 1-5 in no way at all indicates its talent. In every meet so far the girls have been virtually drowned by the opposition. What do the girls lack? Confidence! Before a meet some of the girls hopelessly think, "We are going to get massacred again." Without the power of positive thinking a team cannot put all it has into its effort. Defeat breeds frustration, which breeds more frustration.

Worst of all the girls seem to have given up on themselves, not even finishing practice laps. It is not the fault of the divers, who have taken first and second place at almost every meet thus far. But, in a sport like swimming individual strength has no effect on the outcome. Unless everyone does his best and contributes 100%, there can be no victory. You win as a team and lose as a team.

The lack of moral support from schoolmates is also a contributing factor to the low team morale. Our Girls' Swimming Team is not the best in the city, but they certainly deserve your support.

M.V.P.

by Dennis Green

Victorian House, Wednesday (June 5) After a long agonizing season of sports has come to an end, the athletes gathered for their annual dinner party to name the most valuable performers of the year.

The Baseball Team, coached by Phil Leone, finished with a strong 12-3 win-loss record, but it came as no surprise that Frank Morales was named most valuable player as he led the team in hits with 20, runs scored 19 and a .500 batting average. For the second consecutive year Joe Vasquez was named to the All-City Baseball Team.

In basketball there were two winners, seniors, Sidney Llera and Ronald Glover. Sidney won his award for his leadership on and off the court and Glover for his all around team play and hustle.

The M.V.P. for soccer was Noel Jones in a walkaway. Jones made the All-City soccer team and played in the All Star Game versus Philadelphia. Noel has also received a full athletic scholarship to East Stroussberg College.

In Track and Field there were three category winners. Greg Haynes in Cross County, Wayne Heywood for Indoor and Barrington Mckenzie for Outdoor. But, the overall M.V.P. went to Harold Ogneldoh who broke three school records and one P.S.A.L. record. Howard Hem-

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Perspective:

A Year In Sports

by Harold Ogneldoh

The end of the year is creeping slowly but remarkably closer, and it has come time to put this year of sports into perspective. As usual, there is a great deal to be said about Bushwick athletics, and this year is no exception. For we have had many memorable events and outstanding performances throughout the year.

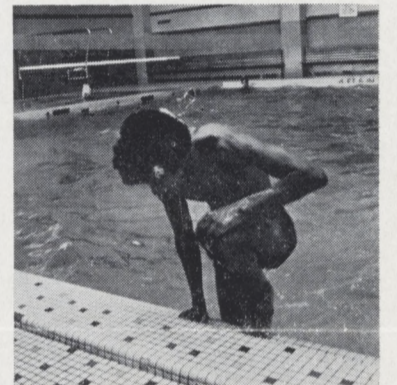
The Basketball Team, who for obvious reasons broke their own drop-out rate record, once again made the playoffs. However, because of their lack of depth on the bench, they did not advance any further than their previous year. Yet, we must give considerable regard to the overall fine coaching of Mr. Diamond and to the offensive and defensive stars, Anthony Young and Ronald Glover.

Practice, which is the key to success in all sports, was drilled and drilled into the swimmers of Bushwick High. The dedicated coaching of Mr. Sher and a combined team effort finally produced winners. Capturing the "B" Division Championship is their greatest accomplishment, especially for young men whose introduction to swimming was the Bushwick High School pool.

Led by the enthusiastic three letter man Clemente Mecardo, the Wrestling Team showed many good performances and is definitely building for the upcoming years. With the crowd support they have been receiving, next year could very well be it.

The Bowling, Tennis and Handball Teams, for the most part non-spectator sports to the students of Bushwick High, had their moments. But, for the exception of the Tennis Team their victories and defeats were neither brilliant nor humiliating.

It seems that the fledgling women's sport program has finally gotten off the ground and will be looking toward the future with great expectation. The Volleyball Team was extremely successful, winning their first championship, and the Swimming and Softball Teams held their own. It appears that Bushwick's greatest resource is yet to be tapped!



As much as I regret to reopen the book on the Soccer Team, I must again mention their disappointing season. Though, to save face I'll also mention that basically they were a young team and that they did turn out an All-City player in Noel Jones.

After two years of frustration, Mr. Leone has at last put together a team of championship caliber. Led by All-City performer, Joe Vasquez, and collaborated efforts on pitching and defense, this team has the potential of becoming Bushwick's first baseball champion since the year 1929.

The Cross Country Team surprisingly enough finished with a record of 4-1, just missing the "B" Division Championship to Westinghouse by score of 28-27. Yet, as the season progressed, our indoor and outdoor teams performed poorly. If not for a few outstanding individual efforts by many of its key members, this year would have been a waste.

See you in September.

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